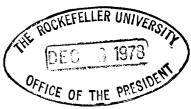


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Dr. Joshua Lederberg 203 Caspary Hall

Dear Josh:

The enclosed manuscript by Vince <u>Dole</u> and myself represents an initial attempt to articulate the scope and limitations of randomized trials as a source of evidence about the efficacy of treatment programs for chronic diseases. The emphasis on narcotics addiction is merely a reflection of the somewhat specialized audience for whom this paper is intended. Nevertheless, I feel that the issues raised are of considerable generality, and I'll plan to keep you informed of further developments in our work. Any comments, criticism, or suggestions you may have on the present manuscript would be sincerely appreciated.

It was a pleasure meeting you and your family at the Coles' party on Sunday evening. I plan to read the volume by Woodger which you mentioned and hope that we might have some discussion about it in the future.

Sincerely,

Burton Singer

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